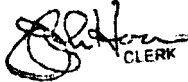


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JOHN E. SIMKO  
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Chief Justice David Gilbertson  
South Dakota Supreme Court  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
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RE: Ferris Joseph v. Corporation of the President Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-  
Day Saints, et al, CIV. 06-4143 (#24806)

Dear Chief Justice Gilbertson:

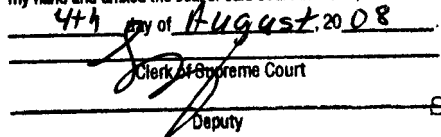
No party moved to reopen the action by the July 21 deadline. Accordingly the judgment entered on June 16, 2008, dismissing the case with prejudice is considered final.

Very truly yours,

  
John E. Simko  
United States Magistrate Judge

JES:clg

In the Supreme Court  
I, Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel, Clerk of the Supreme Court of  
South Dakota, hereby certify that the within instrument is a true  
and correct copy of the original thereof as the same appears  
on record in my office. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Pierre, S.D. this

4th day of August, 2008  
  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Deputy

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FERRIS JOSEPH,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT CHURCH )  
OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, )  
a Utah corporation sole, and )  
CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP )  
OF THE CHURCH OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, )  
a Utah corporation sole, )  
Defendants. )

ORDER DISMISSING  
CERTIFIED QUESTION

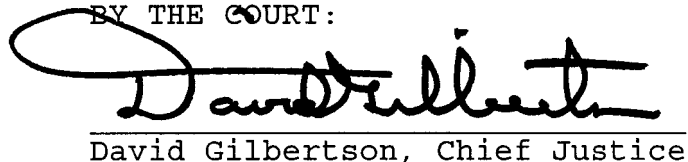
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The Court by order of February 15, 2008, accepted  
certification of a question from The United States District Court,  
District of South Dakota, Southern Division, in the above entitled  
matter, and the Court having now been advised by the Honorable John E.  
Simko that the parties have resolved their dispute and a judgment  
dismissing with prejudice and without costs had been entered on June  
16, 2008, in The United States District Court, District of South  
Dakota, Southern Division, and this Court having determined the  
question is now moot, it is

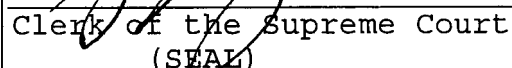
ORDERED that the certified question be and it is hereby  
dismissed.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota this 4th of August, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

  
David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

ATTEST

  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
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